

*From J. W. DAWSON, ESQ., LL.D., F.R.S., &c., Principal,
McGill University.*

McGILL UNIVERSITY,

October 2nd, 1877.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the high personal qualities of Dr. Alex. D. Blackader while a student in the Faculty of Arts of this University, in which he graduated with honors of the First Rank in Natural Science in 1870. From what I have since learned, I have every reason to believe that the hopes which I then entertained of him have been fully justified by his career as a student of his chosen profession.

(Signed,) J. W. DAWSON.

*From G. W. CAMPBELL, ESQ., M.A., M.D., Dean of the Medical
Faculty, McGill University.*

MONTREAL, October 3rd, 1877.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the fitness of Alexander D. Blackader, B.A., M.D., for the position of House Surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital. Dr. Blackader graduated in McGill College in 1871. He was as a student distinguished for his industry and ability, and for some time past he has filled similar positions to the one for which he is now an applicant in the London Hospitals. I can, therefore, with peculiar propriety, recommend him as in every way qualified to act as House Surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital.

GEO. W. CAMPBELL, M.A., M.D.,
Dean of the Medical Faculty McGill College.

*From W. M. ORD, M.D. (Lond.), F.R.C.P., Dean of Medical School,
St. Thomas' Hospital, London.*

7 BROOK STREET, HANOVER SQUARE, W.,
28th Sept., 1876.

Dr. Blackader has been well known to me for upwards of a year. He has worked diligently at St. Thomas Hospital under my supervision, and I have every reason to speak of him as diligent and able in the pursuit of his profession. He appears to me worthy in all respects of the help to be gained from the appointment he now seeks—that of Clinical Assistant to the Brompton Hospital.

WILLIAM M. ORD, M.D. (Lond.), F.R.C.P.,
*Senior Asst. Physician to and Lecturer on Physiology at
St. Thomas Hospital; Dean of the Medical School.*

*From R. DOUGLAS POWELL Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician to
Brompton Hospital., Senior Asst. Phys. to and Lecturer on
Mat. Med., Charing Cross Hospital.*

15 HENRIETTA STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,
April 14th, 1877.

MY DEAR BLACKADER,

Will you kindly accept the accompanying little case, as a slight memento of our agreeable intercourse during the time you have been working with me in my wards at the Brompton Hospital.

I cannot too emphatically express to you my high appreciation of the able and conscientious manner in which you have performed the duties of your responsible office. In leaving my patients in your charge I have always had the great satisfaction of feeling that they were in kind and skilful hands, and that no important symptom would in my absence escape being recorded. Your careful clinical work will, I am confident, bear you ample fruit in future professional success. With very kind regards. Believe me,

Yours truly,

R. DOUGLAS POWELL, M.D., F.R.C.P.

*From ED. NETTLESHIP, Esq., F. R. C. S., Surgeon to the Royal
South London Ophthalmic Hospital.*

4 WIMPOLE STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
September 27th, 1876.

I have known Dr. A. D. Blackader for several months, and have pleasure in stating that for the last two months he has undertaken and carried out in a very satisfactory manner the duties of Clinical Assistant at the South London Ophthalmic Hospital.

The work involves seeing and prescribing for a large number of out-patients, besides assisting at operations, and giving anæsthetics, and Dr. Blackader has displayed great care, industry and intelligence in the discharge of these duties.

Dr. Blackader's engagement at the hospital was only a temporary one, during the absence of the Clinical Assistant; but I should consider him well fitted to fill the post permanently, if there were a vacancy.

EDWARD NETTLESHIP, F. R. C. S.

From C. THEODORE WILLIAMS, Esq., M.A., M.D., F.R. C. P., Physician to Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton, S. W.

47 UPPER BROOK STREET, W.,
June, 1877.

I have had considerable opportunities of judging of Dr. Blackader during the period of six months, when he held the post of Clinical Assistant at the Brompton Hospital, and I do not hesitate to say that his conduct was in every respect admirable. He not only showed a genuine love for his profession, but he exhibited considerable aptitude in devising and carrying out original work ; and, at the same time, acted with great kindness and consideration to the patients. His energy, industry, and perseverance qualify him for any hospital or public appointment.

C. THEODORE WILLIAMS, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.

From W. HOWSHIP DICKINSON, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician to and Lecturer on Mat. Med. at St. George's Hospital, Physician to Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond St., London, W.C.

9 CHESTERFIELD STREET, MAYFAIR W.,
July 22nd, 1877.

Dr. Blackader acted as locum. tenens in regard successively to the offices of House Surgeon and Medical Registrar and at the Hospital for Sick Children, and I have great pleasure in testifying to the care and efficiency with which he performed both duties. In relation to the work which falls to the physician, I consider Dr. Blackader to be competent to hold an important and responsible hospital office. In every respect his performance of duty was such as to entitle him to confidence and respect.

W. HOWSHIP DICKINSON, M.D.

From E. H. SECCOMBE, Esq., M. B. (Lond.), Associate King's College, Physician Royal Pimlico Dispensary.

4 GLOUCESTER STREET, BELGRAVE ROAD, S. W.,
October 2nd, 1876.

I have much pleasure in stating that Mr. Blackader has performed the duties of House Surgeon to the Royal Pimlico Dispensary, during a period of two months, under my observation, and to my entire satisfaction, and to the benefit of the patients under his care. He has shown considerable zeal and ability, and will, I am confident, do justice to any appointment he may obtain.

E. H. SECCOMBE, M. B., (Lond.).

*From THOMAS SMITH, ESQ., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's
Hospital and Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond St., W. C.*

5 STRATFORD PLACE, W.,
July 12, 1877.

Dr. Alexander D. Blackader has for some time been doing duty at the Hospital for the Sick Children, first as Resident Medical Officer, and afterwards as Registrar. In both these capacities Dr. Blackader discharged his duties most thoroughly and conscientiously. I believe him to be a well informed medical man, and I know that he is regular and punctual in his work, and that he is a most obliging colleague.

THOMAS SMITH, F.R.C.S.

*From SAMUEL GEE, ESQ., M. D., F.R.C.P., Physician to Hospital
for Sick Children, Assistant Physician to St. Bartholomew Hospital.*

54 HARLEY ST, CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
July 28, 1877.

Dr. Blackader discharged his duties of Medical Registrar to the Hospital for Sick Children, for several weeks, in a manner wholly satisfactory. He seemed to me to be a man well versed in his profession. He was a very agreeable associate also. So that I believe him to be well fitted for any medical appointment at a general hospital.

SAMUEL GEE, M.D.

*Extract from letter from A. CROMPTON, ESQ., Managing Director of
Ocean Steamship Co., Liverpool, 1 India Buildings, 28th Nov, 1875.*

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I am sorry to have to accept your resignation, and have, on behalf of Mr. Holt, to thank you for the attention you have given to your duties whilst in his service, and to ask you to apply to him, should you think that a reference to him would be of service to you, as it possibly would if you contemplate settling in the East. * * *

Yours truly,

A. CROMPTON.